(c) the number of such families who could actually be brought above poverty level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) As per the Planning Commission estimates in 1999-2000, 26.10 percent of the population was living below the poverty line in the country.

(b) and (c) Since inception of the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) in 1.12.1997 so far 6,90,721 urban poor have been assisted to set up micro enterprises and 7,01,098 persons have been provided skill training. In addition to this, 532.50 lakhs mandays of work have been generated under the wage employment component of SJSRY. It is likely that the urban poor assisted under SJSRY are able to come above the poverty line in due course after successfully running their micro enterprises ventures.

National Mission on Basic Services for Urban Slums

3398. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to introduce a national mission on basic services to provide housing and basic infrastructure for the urban slums;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to implement a national urban renewal mission programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) Government is considering to set up a National Urban Renewal Mission to improve the quality of urban life. It also proposes to take a comprehensive view to provide basic services to the urban poor towards fulfilment of their basic needs, including security of tenure, housing, water supply, sanitation, education, health care and social security cover. The detailed modalities for the proposed Mission are being worked out.